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6 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 6 July 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Merchant,  
Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn,  
Mr. Smith

1. Intelligence on Denied Areas

Mr. Merchant, addressing his question primarily to Mr. Dulles and Mr. Douglas, asked whether the appropriate departments and agencies are doing everything possible to fill the intelligence gap left by the suspension of the U-2 program.

In response, Mr. Dulles, with Mr. Douglas concurring, commented that the Samos satellite system could not be expected to produce good intelligence for at least two or three years. [REDACTED]

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2. Information on Soviet Missile Tests

Mr. Douglas asked the Board's opinion on whether or not there should be more publicity which would indicate the extent of U.S. capability to monitor Soviet missile tests. He felt that there exist a number of U.S. facilities, such as radar, which are already known to the public, and that it might inspire a feeling of confidence in U.S. defenses if announcements were made in the event of Soviet shots to make it clear that we were able to follow them.

The general feeling of the Board was that probably more could be done in this field. Mr. Dulles indicated that he would discuss the matter with USIB.

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### 3. Cuba

Mr. Washburn then speculated about the possible repercussions of a Khrushchev visit to Cuba. Mr. Dulles and several other members of the Board felt that such a trip is unlikely, and that in any case it might make things somewhat easier for the U.S., particularly if he should indulge in violent attacks against this country at such close range.

The Board then discussed at some length the long-term aspects of the Cuban situation. It was noted that the President is about to issue a proclamation reducing the Cuban sugar quota. It was pointed out that the recently-passed law authorizing the reduction is so worded as to require an increase in the quotas of other countries to compensate for the Cuban reduction, and that this would unfortunately mean that the quota of the Dominican Republic would be increased.

The Board also discussed prospects for OAS action. Mr. Dulles commented that a vigorous anti-Trujillo stand on the part of the OAS would be the key to successful anti-Castro action, particularly insofar as Betancourt is concerned.

The Board then turned to the question of the efficacy of economic action against Cuba. It was generally agreed that under the circumstances, and considering the restrictions of the new law, the cut in the sugar quota would probably not be particularly effective. On the matter of oil, Mr. Dulles said that CIA's experts believe that the Cubans will be able to arrange satisfactory supplies and transport for adequate crude to supply their needs, so that there is little immediate prospect of effective sanctions in this area.

Mr. Scribner inquired whether other actions such as the freezing of Cuban funds in this country are contemplated, and asked if they are, the Treasury be notified as far in advance as possible. He noted that the Cubans now have relatively small amounts of funds in this country

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#### 4. Commercial Air Agreement with the USSR

Mr. Douglas, referring to the bilateral air negotiations with the Soviets which are scheduled to begin on 18 July, asked whether it is really in the interest of the U.S. to conclude such an agreement. Mr. Merchant said that there is no compulsion on this country to conclude an agreement and that there will be ample opportunity to study the Soviet proposals, which we have been informed by the Moscow Embassy, are on their way here.

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#### 6. OCB Papers on Africa

Mr. Scribner asked whether anything could be done to speed up a number of the OCB papers on Africa which seemed to him to be on a fairly slow schedule in view of the fast moving developments in that area. Mr. Smith agreed to investigate.



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